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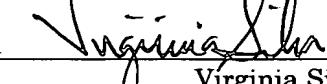
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Title: An Apparatus for Generating Two Color Printing Data, A Method for Generating Two Color Printing Data and Recording Media

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter.

Please add the following claims:

--14. (New) A method for generating two-color print data, comprising the steps of:

(a) reducing full-color digital image data to reduced-color digital image data by reducing the color of each pixel in the full-color digital image data to one of eight colors, wherein the color of each pixel in the reduced-color digital image data is defined by first, second and third primary colors, each primary color capable of exhibiting either a first intensity or a second intensity; and